

NOTES AND NEWS

PROVISIONAL arrangements have been made for the Fifth Meeting of the Executive Council to be held in London on Monday and Tuesday, July 16th and 17th, 1928. In order to enable the more distant countries to keep in personal and living touch with the practical conduct of the work of the Institute the constitution provides that when members of the Governing Body belonging to countries not represented on the Executive Council are at the time of a meeting of the Council in the country where the meeting is held, they may attend the meetings of the Council as full members. The Secretariat would be glad to hear by June 1st from any member of the Governing Body who may be able to take advantage of this provision, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

As a general rule the Journal will, by decision of the Executive Council, contain ninety-six pages. Again, however, as was the case with the first issue, so much important material has come to hand that the Institute is glad to present an enlarged number.

So much interest has been expressed in the first number of the Journal that it has been decided to publish certain of the articles separately as Memoranda II, III, and IV. The article by the Chairman of the Executive Council entitled 'The International Institute of African Languages and Cultures' and the 'Preliminary Memorandum by the Executive Council on Text-books for African Schools' are both on sale, price 6*d*, while the article by Professor E. von Hornbostel on 'African Negro Music' has also been reprinted, price 1*s*. 6*d*. per copy.

SAHARA. M. Kilian, chargé de mission par le Ministère français de l'Instruction Publique se trouvait à Djanet (Sahara central) en octobre dernier. Il a exploré une partie du Fezzan, découvert plusieurs puits anciens et des ruines d'oppidums antéislamiques à Kouffari et Djidide.

La mission scientifique Angiéras Draper, dont la composition et le but ont été indiqués dans le n° 1 d' *Africa*, a quitté Silet le 14 novembre pour gagner Timissa.

AFRIQUE OCCIDENTALE. Le Professeur Perrot et M. Alland, ingénieur agronome, chargés de mission par le Comité interministériel des Plantes médicinales et l'Office National des Matières premières, partis de Colom-Bechar (Sud-Oranais) en auto chenille, ont gagné le Niger. Ils se sont rendus

ensuite à Tombouctou, Kopti et Bamako, et ont visité le Soudan, la Haute-Volta et la Guinée française, recherchant les possibilités de cultures des plantes médicinales et à parfum. La mission est rentrée en France en janvier.

LIBERIA. The Staatliches Forschungsinstitut für Völkerkunde of Leipzig proposes to send an expedition to study the ethnological conditions of the hitherto unknown North-West Hinterland of Liberia, which borders to the North and East on French Guinea and to the West on Sierra Leone. The leaders of the expedition will be Dr. Paul German, Director of the African section of the Staatliches Museum für Völkerkunde, Leipzig, and Dr. Hans Plischke, Professor at the University of Leipzig.

NORD AFRIKA. Professor Dr. Ernst Schultze, Direktor des Weltwirtschafts-Instituts der Handels-Hochschule, Leipzig, trat Mitte März eine Studienreise nach Algerien, Tunis und Tripolis an. Die Reise soll in erster Linie Studien über weltwirtschaftliche Wanderungen dienen, d.h. über die Menschenbewegungen, die irgendwo die Grenzen eines Staates überschreiten. Die kürzlich gegründete Deutsche Zentralstelle für Wanderungsforschung, die ihren Sitz in Leipzig hat, wird in dem ersten Heft ihres *Archiv* eine Arbeit von Professor Dr. Schultze bringen und die Studienreise nach Nordafrika soll dem Zweck der Vorbereitung weiterer Aufsätze für das *Archiv* dienen.